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ANOTHER FIGHT NOW BREWING

Union Water Company Is Planning to Take 18,000,000 Gallons.

WILL ADD TO LEGAL TRIALS

One Hundred and Sixteen Wells Nine Hundred Feet Deep Have Been Bored in the Hanford District.

By CHRIS RUNCKEL.

Scarcely have we had time to draw a breath of relief after the defeat of the Spring Valley purchase in San Francisco, when a new fight looms up on the horizon. Now it is the revival of the Hanford water scheme of the Union Water Company at Newark. It claims to have bored 116 wells to a depth of 900 feet developing a supply independent of the Niles Cone supply. This supply they claim will yield 18,000,000 gallons of water daily which they offer to supply to the bay cities. Evidently the answer to my question last week "What next?" has come already.

This new development of our water fight will undoubtedly add to our legal troubles if a serious effort is made to carry it out. It will mean three corporations to fight instead of two. Fortunately, however, the evidence gathered during the past two years will apply to this new enemy as well as to the Spring Valley or the Peoples' Water company.

During the hearing before the Board of Supervisors when the corporation was opposing the formation of our district, the Peoples' Water company claimed that its Alvarado supply came from a source independent of the Niles cone. In other words they claimed that there was a deeper supply that came from the Coyote creek along the margin of the bay and under it, the principle of law pertaining to percolating water will apply to this new development just the same as it will to the Peoples' Water company or the Spring Valley. They cannot divert it from this section. Even should the contention be proved that this supply is independent of the Alameda Creek supply, there yet remains the Spring Valley to reckon with. This company has large holdings in the Alviso section and it is not unlikely that it would attempt to block the Tevis attempt to capitalize this supposed supply. The Alameda County Water District does not and will not admit that the Union Water company's proposed supply is independent of the Alameda Creek supply. It will have to be proved in court and awarded to the Union Water company before our district will permit the diversion of the Newark supply.

The new move on the part of the Hanford interests sought be by clinching argument to the Alvarado and Mr. Eden people to move at once to join the Alameda County Water District. It is their only hope. The sooner they unite with us the sooner they will be protected from their designing enemies in Oakland.

If it is not already apparent to all, it must soon be, that the Alameda County Water District is the only hope of Washington township, in this water supply question. If it is weakened by dissension from within or broken down by long and expensive attacks from without, the water supply of the district, which is a rich prize to the scheming stock and bond manipulators will be taken from it. The defeat of the Spring Valley last week has only temporarily baffled the big financial interests behind it, and the very next day they renewed their fight. These financial interests reach both sides of the bay and down into our midst. The fight ahead of us is a desperate one and the time has come for our people to ferret out the traitors in our own county who are willing to hand us over to the exploiting corporations. It is merely a matter of ordinary precaution as we go into a life and death struggle. If people who are standing in with these corporations are to be tolerated and even honored while they are doing their worst to stab the best

interests of the county to death, what hope is there for those who are giving their best efforts to preserve the rights of the people.

There are just two ways ahead for our people. One is to stand together and fight it to a finish. The other is to throw down the fight and let every property owner save himself if he can. If we are going to fight it out we must back up the fight. If the small property owner can be made to doubt those who have so far guided the fight, if they can be turned against the officials, they will disgust the large property owners who can easily take care of themselves. Then the corporations can override the opposition to them with little effort and their fight is won.

Just now we occupy a most strategic position. We occupy the key to the water situation. If we are true to our own interests we can beat off every enemy. And what is best of all we can do a great service to the whole bay section by forcing the building of the Hetch Hetchy supply. But we must be loyal.

CHARGED WITH CRIME

Warm Springs Youth Arraigned in Court at Niles Monday.

Monday afternoon Joe Silvers, of Warm Springs was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles on a statutory charge of criminal assault. The father of the alleged victim was the complaining witness. All the parties concerned are residents of Warm Springs.

CHINESE ACQUITTED.

Wounded Woman and Others State Shooting Was Accidental.

Sear Wah, a young Chinese of Alvarado, who was arrested a short time ago and charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon the person of a Chinese woman, was released from custody after the preliminary examination by Justice of the Peace

Ralph V. Richmond Friday of last week.

Witnesses and the injured women testified that the shooting, which took place in the oriental section of Alvarado, was an accident and no intent to kill was meant.

SUSPECTS ARE RELEASED.

No Evidence that They Robbed the Store of "Kite" Robinson.

William Jensen and Pete Robinson, who were arrested in San Jose some time ago on suspicion of having robbed the store of Edw. R. Robinson, "Kite's Korner," at Niles, were discharged from custody by Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles last week, after hearing the evidence.

When arrested in San Jose the two men had in their possession some of the stolen property, but explained its possession by saying that they had found it. They took officers to the place where they said the discovery was made and more of the stolen goods were recovered.

COUNTRY CLUB MEETINGS

Board of Directors to Meet at Centerville Monday.

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Country Club of Washington township will be held in Centerville at the clubhouse Monday, May 3, at 2 o'clock. All are urgently requested to attend.

The regular meeting of the club will be held at the same place the following day (Tuesday, May 4). The business meeting will begin at 2 p. m. Program at 3 o'clock.

An entertaining program has been prepared, among those who will be on the program being Mrs. Lucia Woodbury and Mrs. Rinehart of Oakland. Announcement of importance to the club members will be made. Election of delegates to represent the club at the State Federation of Woman's clubs which is to be held in San Francisco, May 17 to 21, will also take place.

Goza's Case Postponed.

When the case of Ziebr Goza, who shot Charles Evans, cashier of the Niles State Bank, some time ago, came up for sentence Tuesday the matter was postponed for two weeks. Goza previously entered a plea of guilty and asked for probation.

ODD FELLOWS HOLD BANQUET

Celebrate Sixtieth Anniversary of Oddfellowship in the State of California.

LADIES ASSIST WITH SKIT

Delicious Repast Served in Dining Room After Interesting Program and Been Rendered in Lodge Room.

Monday evening Niles Lodge No. 332, I. O. O. F., celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the institution of Oddfellowship in California, with an entertainment and banquet.

The affair was held in the commodious rooms of the lodge. Nearly 100 members and invited guests were present. All numbers on the program were well received and were given an encore.

Particularly amusing was the skit, "Aunt Susan's Fortune," put on by the ladies of Niles Rebekah Lodge No. 336. Mrs. E. B. Tyson, as "Aunt Elizabeth," was exceedingly well received. With a fortune just received, "Aunt Elizabeth" was somewhat inclined to shake her "steady" Andy Klison, because he couldn't buy a piano, and cast her fortunes either with Frank Crane or Ben Stone. After an exceedingly funny series of discussions she finally decides to stay by Andy. (Andy hasn't informed the Press when the wedding is to take place.)

The banquet, served in the dining room of the hall, was an elaborate one. Much credit is due the committee for its work in this respect.

Niles Lodge was instituted March

SOCIAL DANCE MAY 8.

Sykes' Popular Orchestra of San Jose to Furnish Music.

The first of a series of monthly dances to be given under the auspices of Sykes' orchestra of San Jose will be held at Connors' hall, Niles, Saturday evening, May 8.

The fact that Sykes' orchestra is to have charge of the affair is in itself proof positive that the event will be a success.

Peter Whitfield will act as floor director—another guarantee of a good time.

It is the intention of the promoters to hold a similar dance at least once a month.

NEW LIVERY FIRM.

James L. Murphy Purchases Livery Business From Rose Brothers.

James L. Murphy has purchased the horses and equipment of the Rose Bros. Livery and contracting business and has begun the erection of a new stable next to the store of H. L. Scott on Front street Niles.

The livery business was started nearly 30 years ago by Constable Frank Rose, afterwards being conducted by his sons under the firm name of Rose Bros., in conjunction with their garage business.

Rose Bros. intend to remodel the entire building and devote their entire time and attention to the automobile business, which under careful management and good workmanship has developed to such an extent as to make more room necessary.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL

Action of Governor Hiram W. Johnson Come to Aid of Pleasanton.

Governor Hiram W. Johnson signed the bill validating the Pleasanton Water District last Tuesday. This act completes the legislation sought for by this section against the opposition of the corporations, the city administration of San Francisco and Oakland.

Dan Greenwood Robbed.

Dan Greenwood, proprietor of the Interurban Laundry reports that while attending a dance Saturday night his place was entered and about \$150 worth of belonging were stolen. Among the stolen articles were hats, suits, rapiers and underclothing.

The robbers left no clue to their identity.

STATION TO RUN BAKERY

Evans, Former Partner, Sells Out to H. G. Stratton.

The firm of Stratton & Evans, which purchased the bakery and ice cream rolls of G. O. Barrow a short time ago was dissolved this week. R. M. Evans is disposing of his interest to his partner, H. G. Stratton.

Mr. Stratton, who for some time has been general assistant to the superintendent in charge of construction work on the state highway, has resigned his position and will devote his time and attention to the bakery.

Those who know the painstaking manner in which Mr. Stratton performed his duties with the highway commission, anticipate great success for him in his new venture.

LOOKING FOR RANCH JOBS

Hundreds of U. C. Students Want Practical Experience.

Six hundred agricultural students of the University of California are looking for a job for the coming summer season—for three months from May 15—so there are 600 chances for ranch owners and orchardists to hire young men and women who have not only youth, health and strength, but also knowledge, intelligence and ability to get things done.

Any employer who wants to hire one of these agricultural students can obtain them by writing to the College of Agriculture at Berkeley.

HIGHWAY WORK AT NILES

Ground Broken on Front Street for Cement Roadway.

The state highway has reached Niles at last. After many months of anxious waiting ground was broken on Front street, near the postoffice last of the week and up to the hour of 10 p. m. the street has been closed to traffic.

As the weather conditions are so favorable the property owners are anxious to have the work completed as soon as possible.

Between the edge of the state highway and the curb fixed at their own expense.

B. Sneden and F. V. Jones representing the Chamber of Commerce have been busy working on this phase of the highway construction and whatever success may be attained is due to the untiring and unselfish efforts of those workers.

SPEEDERS ARE FEW.

Owing to Wet Sunday Motor Officers Make Few Arrests.

A comparatively small number of violators of the traffic laws appeared before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond Monday morning. The Sunday before being a rainy day is attributed as the cause for the few arrests.

The case of Neil Martin was taken under advisement.

B. F. Goodrich, arrested by Officer Solon, appeared and entered a plea of not guilty. He demanded a jury trial. Justice Richmond informed him that the date of the trial would be set later and that he would be notified.

P. L. Burr and F. Welsh, also arrested by Solon, were fined \$25 each. The bail of E. Brandstadt was declared forfeited, he having failed to appear and answer to the charge.

In the cases of B. F. Walker, N. Abramo and J. Gotelli the same action was taken.

LADIES' GUILD MEETS.

Interesting Meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary to Congregational Church.

The Ladies' Guild of the Niles Congregational church met in the guild parlors Wednesday afternoon. Thirty ladies were present. Following the opening exercises the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Macy was called on to make report regarding information as to selling old books, papers and magazines. The members decided to collect and dispose of all brought in. The president appointed Mesdames Jones, Sneden and E. B. Tyson a committee to arrange for a social in the near future. Mrs. Roy Morgan was appointed kitchen matron. A gift of \$5 was received from Mrs. M. W. Steadman of San Francisco. The members voted to make over the final payments on the hotel. Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Ruthenford entertained for the afternoon and served cakes and coffee before adjournment.

JOY RIDERS ARE ALL IN JAIL

Sixteen San Francisco Newsboys Come on Picnic and Raise "Rough House."

OFFICERS TAKE A HAND

Justice of the Peace Richmond Sentences Two of them to 20 and 15 Days in County Jail Respectively.

Sunday afternoon an auto truck load of boys visited the picnic grounds in Niles Canyon. On their way home they became noisy and boisterous to such an extent that the peace officers were called into the matter.

The result was that the entire sixteen which comprised the party were arrested at various points in the county and sentenced to terms in the county jail at Oakland.

Two of the boys, giving their names as Charles Pooler and George Jochims, were taken into custody in Niles by Constable Frank Rose and charged by Charles Sillers, night operator at the Southern Pacific Railroad station with disturbing the peace.

They both entered a plea of guilty before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond Monday morning and Pooler was sentenced to spend 20 days in the county jail, while Jochims will sojourn at the same resort for 15 days.

The other members of the party were tried at Pleasanton, San Leandro and Hayward.

DR. BURR DENIES REPORT.

Niles Dentist Says He Intends to Remain in Town.

Dr. Burr, dentist, with offices in the Connors' building, Niles, has denied a report circulated during the week to the effect that he contemplates leaving Niles.

Dr. Burr believes the story was started either through malice or idle gossip, and adds that he intends to remain in Niles as long as business justifies such action.

In the case of a dental surgeon of such ability as Dr. Burr there should be no question of his being kept busy for an indefinite period.

HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE PLAY

"A Strenuous Life" Will be Presented by Senior Class of High.

Richard Walton Tully's farce, "A Strenuous Life" will be presented by the senior class of the Washington High school on the evening of May 18th, owing to the necessity of a large stage the play will be given at Connors' theater in Niles. If possible there will be automobile buses from all the surrounding towns to transfer people for the occasion. If it is found that the seating capacity of the theater is overtaxed the play will be given on two different nights.

Tully is a very popular dramatist of more than national reputation. He is the author of "Juanita of San Juan," "The Rose of the Rancho," and other of great popularity. Permission has been obtained from the author for the use of the manuscript of this farce, upon the payment of a royalty. The selection of the cast for this production will be announced next week.

DEATH OF WILLIAM COCKFAIR

Pioneer Resident of Township Dies at Alvarado.

William H. Cockfair, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Washington township died Monday at Alvarado.

Deceased was a native of New Jersey, aged 82 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Odd Fellows' hall, Alvarado. Interment was had in Decoto.

Mr. Cockfair leaves many friends who mourn his death.

Hotel Reopening at the Mission.

On May 1, the grand opening of the Mission San Jose hotel under the new management of Bourcovich & Morecovich former proprietors of the Washington hotel of Livermore will take place. The hotel is to be remodeled and the service is to be up to date.

FARM BUREAU AT NEWARK

Annual Meeting to Be Held on the Nineteenth of June.

The annual meeting of the Alameda County Farm Bureau will be held on June 19 at Newark, it was decided at a meeting of the bureau directors in Hayward yesterday.

A picnic and sports will probably be held in conjunction with the convales which will be attended by more than 1000 farmers from all parts of the county.

The committee appointed to arrange the meeting is Henry Lachman, Mission San Jose; W. C. Graham, Newark; R. Liguori, Livermore; A. L. Graham, Hayward; E. E. Hall, Pleasanton; E. H. Stevenson, Centerville and Farm Advisor W. H. Nixon. Prominent agriculturists will address the delegates.

The first of a series of talks on Soil Formation was given by Farm Advisor Nixon before the Newark Center of the Farm Bureau Tuesday.

BLACOW'S SLAYER JAILED

Appellate Court Affirms Sentence Imposed on W. A. Finley.

William A. Finley of San Jose, a wealthy commission man, will have to serve a year in the Alameda county jail, according to the affirmation of the appellate court of Superior Judge Waste's decision of a year ago after Finley had been found guilty of violating the state law that makes it a felony for an automobilist to desert a victim of an accident caused by his machine.

The accident in Finley's case was the running down of Sumner Blacow, 19 years of age, while the latter was riding his motorcycle on the road near Irvington. Finley drove his car on rapidly after the collision, which resulted in young Blacow's death, and was arrested after several days' search in San Jose.

For a year, since the trial of Finley in Judge Waste's court, the accused motorcycle of young Blacow has stood in an office in the district attorney's suite at the court house, gressome reminder of the accident. It is declared that the cause of the crash was that Finley was driving with only one headlight burning, which deceived young Blacow as he essayed to pass, thinking he was clear of the automobile. He struck the dark side of the auto head first at full speed.

Finley declared at his trial that he did not see the cyclist at all. After the verdict and his sentence he appealed.

A charge of manslaughter, also pending against Finley, was continued three months by Judge Trabucchi, sitting in department five for Judge Ogden.

STATION AT OVERACKER

Southern Pacific Company Provides a Flag Station for Its Patrons.

In order to take care of its patrons residing on the southern side of Alameda creek, the Southern Pacific railway company has established a flag station to be known as Overacker. The new station is below the junction of the state highway and the railroad track.

The following trains stop at Overacker: Train 89, leaving Niles at 5:45 a. m., 91, leaving Niles at 7:45 a. m., and 189, leaving at 6:05 p. m. Train No. 90, arriving at Niles 8:20 a. m.; 96, arriving at 6:15 p. m. and 98, arriving at 8 p. m.

The distance between Niles and Overacker is one and a quarter miles and the difference in arrival and departure of trains is about two minutes different from Niles.

BIG FIRE AT SUNOL

Much Damage Done by Early Morning Blaze.

Fire of mysterious origin which started in a grain warehouse owned by Day Bros., shortly after 3 o'clock Monday morning, destroyed several buildings, causing damage to the extent of \$10,000 at Sunol.

A dancing academy, the general merchandise store of Trimmingham Brothers of Niles and Sunol and a blacksmith shop belonging to Frank Harrington, in addition to the warehouse were destroyed.

Lack of a fire department prevent any of the buildings from being saved.

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

MORE DEMANDS ON SUPERVISORS

Charity Institutions Ask Support of County of Women's Relief Home.

LECTURER DRURY QUILTS.

Dioramas and Contour Maps of the County to Be Installed at the Exposition by Werner.

Following the request of the Baby Hospital, filed last week for financial aid, the Board of Supervisors this week were confronted with two more requests, when the Woman's Relief Home and the West Oakland Home filed letters asking appropriation. Miss Matilda Brown filed the request for the Relief Home, the West Oakland Home request coming through Miss Grace Trevor. All were laid over until today for consideration.

Aubrey Drury, son of the secretary of the publicity commission, who had been appointed a lecturer at the county exhibit at the exposition at \$135 per month, resigned Monday morning, declaring that as the youngest man on the staff he desired to quit in view of the determination of the board to cut down expenses. The resignation was accepted.

Contracts for remodeling the county exhibit at the exposition were ordered drawn up by the District Attorney for submission Monday. Dioramas and contour maps will form part of the scheme.

The dioramas will cost \$15,000 and the contour maps will cost \$500 and \$600, respectively. Purchase order for photographs for the exposition exhibit was voted by the board.

Detailed reports of the checking of the county accounting system were filed by Lester Herrick & Herrick, public accountants in charge of this work.

Permission was granted the Alameda City Council to borrow ballot boxes and voting booths for the election of May 11.

C. A. Bruce was awarded part payment for the...

Castro Valley District, receiving \$308.50.

U. S. MAY PROSECUTE CASES

Indiana Precedent May Be Used by Attorney in Alameda Cases.

John W. Preston, United States district attorney, said last night that he would investigate and prosecute alleged election frauds in Alameda county if he found in the federal statutes any section making it an offense against the United States to corrupt an election in which a vote for United States Senator or a representative is cast. Mr. Preston said no investigation was now under way. He was simply looking into the legal aspect of the case.

"Until I am certain that an offense against the federal government has been committed," said Preston, "no action will be taken."

Mr. Preston added that the conviction of the Terre Haute officials set a precedent for the contemplated prosecutions in the Oakland and Alameda county election frauds in that one of the counties upon which those officials were convicted was that of corrupting the election of United States officials.

The evidence turned over by the committee of 100 and other citizens of Oakland has been in the hands of the United States attorney for nearly two months.

A total of about 16,000 false registrations are alleged in the evidence submitted to Preston. Among other things charged are the existence of a machine controlling county and city patronage; activity of saloons in elections and the registration of voters from such places; registration of forty-four persons from the municipal wood yard where only two persons resided; registration of voters from billboard locations and vacant lots; registration of twelve men from a one-chair barber shop, and the illegal registration from 550 lodging houses.

Some of the evidence of the alleged election frauds at Oakland, has been considered by Assistant Attorney General William Wallace Jr., at Washington, it is said.

Although officials of the department of justice are not inclined to regard the evidence so far submitted as especially wrong, it was said in Washington that Preston had been ordered to investigate further.

HIGH SCHOOLS TO DEBATE

Spell-Binders to Compete at Berkeley May 6.

Who is the best high school debater in California?

This will be decided Thursday, May 6, on the University campus at Berkeley, when the Interscholastic Debating League of California will hold its final debate for state championship. This league, organized and conducted under the auspices of the University Extension Division of the University of California, has held eighty-five debates during the past year, in which two hundred and fifty speakers from seventy-one high schools have participated.

It will be the North against the South, for the Napa high school is to be pitted against the San Bernardino High school, those schools having won the championship of Northern California and Southern and Central California, respectively. A silver trophy, offered by the English club of the university of California, will be awarded to the winner of the state championship. The subject the debaters have decided to discuss is: "Resolved, that the United States should own and operate all interstate railroads."

MANY HOGS SAVED.

Hog Cholera Serum Saves California Farmers Millions.

The lives of fifty thousand swine were saved in California during the past year directly by the work of the University of California in preparing and distributing serum and virus to prevent hog cholera.

The university urges hog raisers to remember that nine-tenths of the deaths of swine from disease are due to hog cholera, and that no well-developed case of cholera can be cured by inoculation, but that it is necessary to inoculate before the disease is well developed. Consequently, when cholera breaks out in a herd immediate action is necessary if the well hogs are to be saved.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

Compensation Insurance Fund Positions Open to Candidates.

The California State Civil Service Commission announces examinations for compensation insurance clerk, stenographer and typist, to be held in San Francisco and Los Angeles, May 15, 1915.

These examinations are open to all...

California, who comply with the requirements, but experience in an insurance office will be of great value to any candidate.

Application blanks and further information may be secured from the State Civil Service commission, Forum Building, Sacramento. Completed applications must be filed with the Commission on or before May 10, 1915.

INCUBATING WILD DUCKS.

State Authorities Gathering Eggs at Alvarado.

The state fish and game farm at San Leandro is making an attempt to breed wild ducks in captivity. Incubators have been procured in which have been placed the eggs of various kinds of ducks gathered from the marshes of Alvarado and elsewhere. Although the experiment has not progressed far enough to definitely indicate results the officials think that a large number of the wild fowl may be bred and raised in captivity.

MUST PAY FOR PROTECTION

New Practice in Taxation to Be Tested by Southern Pacific.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company raised before Arizona's tax commission recently the question of whether the state legally can tax rolling stock belonging to its lines in Mexico after it had been brought to Nogales simply to protect it from marauding bands of revolutionists. Answering the complaint of the railroad company, officials of Santa Cruz county asserted the right to tax all property receiving the protection of the state of Arizona. A hearing will be held Monday.

More Judges for Alameda Co.

Bills by Senator Tyrell for two additional superior judges in Alameda county, by Senator Luce for one more in San Diego county and by Senator Maudux for one more in Stanislaus county were recommended by the Senate finance committee Tuesday.

Increased work and congestion of the calendar in these counties is given as the reason for the necessity of more judges.

Gets 10 Days to Cool Off Ardor.

Frank Fernandez, an ardent San Leandro swain, was sentenced to ten days in jail by the justice of the peace of that place yesterday for forcing his attentions on Miss Jose Largomartiso,

BERKELEY ELECTION.

All Socialists Lose Out in the College City.

Samuel C. Irving, Mayor-elect of Berkeley, is preparing to assume duties of mayor, to which he will be sworn in Saturday's election over Wilson, the socialist candidate for mayor. The complete results as follows:

For Mayor—S. C. Irving, 3,817; Stitt Wilson, 4517.

For Councilmen—W. A. G. 5,899, G. C. Pape, 4,207, F. T. 6,694, J. A. Wilson, 4,371.

For School Directors—R. Baird, 6,694, W. B. Herms, 4,371, H. I. Stern 4,723.

For the council F. T. Robson, engineer, and Walter Gompertz, accountant, made their first bids for office. George Pape has been a candidate before and John A. Wilson, socialist, sought re-election, as did H. I. Stern, Socialist president of the school board.

TO PICNIC AT FERNBROOK

Railroad Men's Outing Is Set May 16.

Trainmen of the Southern Pacific company are making preparations for a grand picnic and family gathering to be held in Fernbrook Park, Niles, Cal., May 16. The affair is in charge of a general committee of five, representing the five branches of the service. It is planned to make the picnic the greatest and jolliest gathering ever held by the railway men.

Gate and game prizes to the amount of \$750 will be awarded to the lucky holders of tickets and contestants of games of skill and strength. One of the features of the gathering will be the tug of war match for the various departments. In this match the engineers will pull the firemen, and the conductors will pull the brakemen, the winners to pull again for the championship. The prize will be a \$50 trophy cup.

Refused Divorce Decree.

Mrs. Rose Dee, wife of Manuel Dee, an Irvington rancher, was refused a decree of divorce last week by Judge Trabucco, sitting in the Harris' court. Mrs. Dee charged her husband with cruelty. She was ordered the custody of Edith and...

FEAR RABIES AGAIN

Disease Epidemic Among Oregon Domestic Animals.

All people who like dogs—or like human beings—are being appealed to by the State Hygienic Laboratory of the State Board of Health to help terminate rabies among dogs, as the only way to protect dogs and people against this disease. "Muzzle!" is the motto of the campaign.

A recent outbreak of the disease is among dogs, coyotes, cattle, and sheep in Lake county, Oregon. The citizens of Modoc county fear that this summer the disease will be brought into the county by coyotes, following the bands of cattle and sheep in their immigration from winter to summer feeding grounds.

Oil-Field Flyer

Fresno, Bakersfield
Porterville, and Other
San Joaquin Valley Points

Sleeping cars open for occupancy after 9 p. m. at Oakland Pier.
Buffet observation car Fresno to Bakersfield.
Smoker and chair cars.
Entire line protected by automatic electric block signals.
See our agents for further information.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

L. RICHARDSON, District Freight and Passenger Agent,
13th and Broadway, Oakland. Phone Oakland 162.

C. F. CORRIGAN, Traffic Passenger Agent.

A. J. RUTHERFORD, Agent, Niles.

grounds. In order to protect cattle, dogs and human beings, the cattlemen and sheepmen of Modoc county are urging protective measures in the form of putting a high bounty on coyotes and license tax on dogs.

Measures aimed only at the treatment of persons bitten cannot entirely prevent human deaths from rabies, for some will be unaware of their danger and will not get treatment, while a few will be so severely bitten, or will start treatment so late, that the Pasteur treatment will not save them. The disease should be exterminated among dogs. Then people will be safe.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Elizabeth Sinclair, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Sinclair, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, No. 1101 Union Savings Bank Building, northeast corner of Broadway and 13th street, in the city of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Elizabeth Sinclair, deceased.

DAVID SINCLAIR, Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Sinclair, deceased.
Dated, Oakland, April 17, 1915.
THOMAS C. HUXLEY, Attorney for said Administrator, Union Savings Bank Building, Oakland, Cal. 4-22/5-20.

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Dated, Oakland, Cal., April 17, 1915.
THOMAS C. HUXLEY, Attorney for said Administrator, Union Savings Bank Building, Oakland, Cal. 4-22/5-20.

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 3d day of May, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of...

Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Jos. Sprung to obtain a license for the sale of liquor at Draw Bridge No. 3 near Alviso in Alviso election precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., April 12, 1915. 4-15/4-29.

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 3d day of May, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Wm. Moore, to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Niles, in Niles election precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., April 12, 1915. 4-15/4-29.



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Centerville Bakery

A. BARTOLETTI, Proprietor.

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A Look into the Future

RELIABLE "inside information" gives out a rumor that the city administration of San Francisco is preparing to institute condemnation proceedings against the Spring Valley properties that failed of purchase at the recent election, and from the same source it is learned that the administration will be backed in this procedure by united union labor.

This is to be one of the issues of the coming mayoralty campaign. Gallagher, to whom more than any other one man, can be attributed the failure of the city to vote for the purchase, it is said, will further condemnation openly and will thus accrue enough prestige to follow Rolph into office after his second term is finished.

Andy has eliminated himself from the list of aspirants for Mayor at next election, according to current report, because of the entrance of P. H. McCarthy with the State Building Trades endorsement for the office. Schmitz will divide the labor vote with P. H. for reasons that are obvious to men in touch with the labor-political situation, and it is not without the pale of reason, strange as it may seem—that "The Fiddler" may be Rolph's opponent. Labor, Andy's friends, in spite of him, may vote for Schmitz in order to rebuke P. H. The feeling is very intense, so strong that it cannot be entirely overcome. This leaves "nothing to it" but Rolph, and Rolph means condemnation proceedings.

A Rolph boom was almost started last meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council by a Socialist who was so poorly informed of what to everybody else was obvious as to introduce condemnatory resolutions against the city administration for not being more expeditious in the Hetch-Hetchy undertaking. So palpable was the feeling and so strong the wave of opposition to the resolutions that Andy, who was late in arriving, thought that a motion to endorse Rolph was under way. He even hastened to rebuke Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, for his laudation of the mayor, though Scharrenberg, outside of a sailor issue, is one of Gallagher's strongest supporters and closest personal friends.

If this does happen, and we sincerely believe that condemnation proceedings are as sure to be started as that Rolph is elected, Rolph has elected himself, and he is as sure to be mayor again as that he runs against McCarthy or Schmitz, that means the Alameda County and Pleasanton water districts will have to hasten their legal proceedings, or we will have to fight a city instead of a corporation for our rights.

In turn, this means that the officers of these districts must have the undivided support of those whose interests are involved, and to attain this the officers must recruit the confidence of the people. The issue is too big, too portentous—too much depends upon conserving the present water supply to allow of any bickering or discussion at this time. Action is necessary, and men who feel that they have not the confidence of those they serve, as a rule, are prone to be slow to act. They fear lack of support.

There is one thing about the Liberty Bell that doesn't occur in the laudatory speeches and articles published anent its visit to the Exposition. It is silent. Its clapper is gone and it is cracked.

France wants a shipload of artificial limbs. Manufacturers in this country catch 'em comin' and goin'—they made the shells to blow the legs off and then furnish the wooden ones.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel," some pessimist has announced. That's why it is used by promoters of war.

A Generalization

IF MEN, and women, too, would only read less, but more intelligently, more analytically, there would be less political tomfoolery "put over" and much more constructive economic work done.

We all read more than is good for us—more of the wrong kind of literature—and are too prone to permit our personal ambitions to tincture better judgment. In short, we take ourselves too seriously. We forget that we are but germs or atoms—most of us unimportant ones—that we are more or less aimlessly scurrying through life without the knowledge that we are driven by pathological (social) laws over which we have no means of control or simply obeying the atomic (personal) theory.

In obedience to Divine law we are bred, born, live and die, and also in obedience to a force without ourselves we function as social anamalculae—intelligently or otherwise; intelligently if we recognize our interdependence, otherwise if we don't.

It is in obedience to the antipode of love that we

contend with each other beyond the pale of constructive possibility—in answer to the individual motive, self-aggrandizement or personal ambition. And this leaves an heritage of disappointment and sorrow that affects all in its wake and which finally ripens into that worst of complications, pessimism and hatred—a pitiful example of near-fatalism.

It is the big man who quits when he is that he burdens the ideals he most loves or the theories or activities in which he is most interested—the man of mature wisdom. It is the man of little soul, little capacity and small attainments who sticks and battles on for supremacy sake, for personal power to lead over paths untried and over obstacles really too great for the strength of those who follow.

This thought may well be applied both here and elsewhere, in private as well as public affairs, for right will dominate regardless of the personal presence or absence of any man—sooner sometimes through absence than by presence of the individual.

NOTICE

WITH this issue of The Press, Sefton & Davis, lessees, retire from the management. William T. Davis will continue as publisher, assuming all responsibility for utterances and accounts from that date.

We wish to thank the public for the courtesies extended and to assure all that our successor, will in the future, as in the past, endeavor to serve the people to the best of his ability. Sincerely,

SEFTON & DAVIS

The Oakland Situation

RESULTS in the Oakland city primary election point out a condition of turbulence that almost invariably precedes all social reforms, so-called—"changes," perhaps would be better.

For a long time Oakland has been over-governed. Her people have been rushed into improvements of a civic nature that will mortgage her economic future for many years. There is no gain-saying that all that has been done in this line will be of real benefit, both socially and commercially; but it is the cost of it, just now beginning to be felt, that is causing all the dissatisfaction.

This recruited to John L. Davie, a "radical opportunist" and a man who could do (and did do, when he was mayor 20 years ago) great good if he were not such an uncompromising fighter more than half the votes of those who went to the polls.

But "the powers," both political and commercial, are "scared up" now, and between now and the 11th of next month will move Heaven and earth to defeat him. If this proves impossible, and we hope it will, their destructive efforts will not cease after he assumes the Mayor's chair. All corporations and other "big business" institutions will oppose every measure, both good and bad, that Davie initiates.

He left an heritage when he was forced out of office before that they have not forgotten. He faltered privilege and defied dictation. In short, he was Oakland's first and only mayor.

Twenty years ago, when he took office, Davie inherited an empty city treasury and a burden of over-taxation, as now; but at that time he did not fall into as serious a condition as presents at the present time as result of ten years of the Mott policy of improvement.

It is not generally known that 10 per cent of the taxable property of Oakland belongs to the city, has been dedicated to parks and similar public purposes, hence is not only nontaxable, but is actually a burden upon the taxpayer for maintenance; but this is fact, according to the statements of John Forrest, commissioner of revenue and finance of Oakland.

If Davie reduces the taxes these parks must remain in their present unimproved state and advocates of "a city beautiful" will point to them as Davie failures. If he improves them the work will be pointed at by his enemies—and he has lots of 'em (all men who do things have)—as "Davie extravagance." Thus he will "be damned if he does, and damned if he doesn't." In any case, John L. Davie is destined to have a hard row to hoe if elected Mayor of Oakland.

The interests of Oakland both hate and fear Davie. He came to Oakland a "cow puncher" from Lassen county. He bought a coal yard, and the S. P., then the dictator of policies both of the state and the city, sewed his property up, both on the bay side and the land side—left him no way to receive supplies in his bunkers nor any means of delivering coal to his customers. John L., with directness usual with his kind, got an ax and a six-shooter and opened up the fence that the S. P. had built over night; (he also got an infernal good drubbing for doing it).

He then started a suit that has since been the means of giving Oakland title to its bay front, probably the greatest legal victory any city has ever gained over any privilege-gobbling corporation.

When Davie went into office the city was some three months (if memory serves correctly) in arrears to the police force and firemen for wages, and city scrip was being discounted something like 15 per cent by local brokers. John L. looked into the matter as best he could without access to the city books, with result that he became convinced that there was something wrong. He tried to get possession of the necessary documentary evidence upon which to base action, but was "bamboozled" out of it by legal process, until his none-too-patient nature revolted. He proved himself a man of resource, however; he burglarized the proper offices, secured records of deposits, drew the money out of the bank, paid the cops and firemen in cash—and was defeated at the next election.

It was John L. also who forced the S. P. to reduce the fares to a nickel from San Francisco to Oakland via "the creek," and though there have been several attempts made to raise it you can still travel the "scenic route" for a jitney. This has saved the people of Oakland literally millions, and is another reason that he will have a hard time if elected.

He has more copies of public records and knows more landmarks in the city of Oakland than any other one resident, and if he lives and is elected he will uncover more official skullduggery than any one average men would dare to attempt.

He came to Oakland rich, as the word goes, but the big guns broke him in all but spirit. It is his fine memory that makes him a mighty dangerous man to "the interests" in the Mayor's chair, and it is his fighting spirit that will elicit combined opposition from all classes of municipal exploiters.

His democracy makes it impossible for him to be anything but "an agitator" for the people's rights, and if he don't make good on his promises it will be because the weight of capitalistic opposition, as before, is so great as to prevent.

For the sake of the people of Oakland, the great majority, we hope Davie will be elected; for his own sake we hope for his defeat.

Liberty and Freedom

SOME fellow asks: "What is liberty? Is it not the same as freedom?"

No; not necessarily. A man lost in a forest or desert has freedom, but not liberty. Liberty is a mental concept—an "inalienable right," a figure of speech. Freedom is a physical aspect, something tangible that can be taken away.

A man in prison has liberty to think, but not freedom of speech or action. Liberty ceases where license begins, and license begins as soon as the natural rights of one individual transgress those of another or transcend the welfare of society.

Equal suffrage spelled political freedom of the women of this state, but it did not mean their liberty from man's industrial thrall. They must continue to be slaves—physical dependents of man—as long as the commercial age continues. Their sex—their maternal function—so dictates; otherwise the earth would become depopulated; neomalthusianism would become a popular science rather than a prevalent practice.

Freedom without liberty is destructive; together they are constructive—they are the sexes of a democracy. Freedom is the ponderous, forceful masculine; liberty the finer, changeable female aspect.

Way back yonder somewhere the image makers raised a howl and—well, war—because some people began an agitation against the worship of "graven images." Their "vested" rights were attacked, they said. Just now, there is another class of manufacturers on a larger scale that are "making the welkin ring" because this country doesn't protect their "vested rights." It is the armament makers. And fate will treat them just as the image makers were treated.

There is a great deal of editorial perturbation lest the State of Georgia murder Leo Frank, who, the chances are, is innocent of the crime of which he has been convicted. Why throw so many fits now at the taking of this one life? Is this an awakening against the most barbarous practice of nations, except war? If so, bully!

Speaking of Hearst, James H. Barry in the Star, says: "Of old, the king's official fool wore a fool's cap and carried a bell to call attention to himself. He had no newspaper to call attention to himself." Some boomerang, that.

There are ninety-nine chances out of a hundred that Teddy will become a Socialist yet. He is too fond of talking, and his talking gets him into so many situations.

AN ENGLISH MOTHER.

I loved the spring so well in that fond year!
The little baby buds that grew and grew
Came as sweet token of a joy so near.
So dear, it seemed that it could not be true.

The sprouting grass, the brooks that sang aloud,
The mother birds that perched their nests to sing,
All made glad song for me. Ah I was proud,
And oh, so happy in that winsome spring!

But now spring days bring but an added fear
Of waiting, dumb expectancy and dread;
I falter, now the test has come so near.
Oh, how may one be brave with heart like lead?

The sun is higher, hotter than before,
'Twill dry the ground; 'twill mark the great attack;
I pray it cast no shadow at my door—
The shadow that I fear—God, hold it back!

Tomorrow, nay, today, may move the guns,
The bugles may be calling now in France,
And England pouring out a million sons
To start, to swell, to win the great advance.

And I had but one son, just one to give.
I gave the Motherland a mother's all.
If he should die it seems I could not live.
I could not rise again if he should fall.

And yet I pray, dear God, if he must die,
If I must lose this only son of mine,
In German soil my soldier boy shall lie,
Beyond the Rhine, dear God, beyond the Rhine!

—O. C. A. Child.

SOLON FORCIBLY KISSED.

Reformer Brown Agreeably Assaulted by Fair Lobbyist.

Assemblyman Maurice B. Browne, author of a constitutional amendment to impose a tax of \$10 a year on all bachelors over 30 years of age, an advocate of strict moral reform laws, boasted to a fair lobbyist in the House last Saturday that he was 40 years old and had never been kissed except by his mother. Without hesitation the lobbyist threw her arms around the neck of the tall assemblyman and kissed him. The amusing incident occurred while the Assembly was in informal session under a call of the House, and in an instant Browne's desk was surrounded by a shouting,

cheering mob of his colleagues. A near riot ensued.

Order was thrown to the winds, and under urging in which a semblance of force was used, Browne returned the kiss and his reputation as the ultra-moralist of the Assembly vanished forever. Brown is aacheolr.

The governor signed the blind pig bill last evening.

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BASEBALL

Game Called Off on Account of Rain

Rain played havoc with the chances of a ball game last Sunday for during the second inning when the Idlewilds made a merry-go-round of the bases while a steady downpour of rain made pitching impossible for the contest was finally called. This spoiled what chances there was for what the large crowd had expected—of seeing a good contest—and they were forced to turn away sorely disappointed.

In their half of the second inning the Idlewilds went to the bat with instructions to wait Dolan out, for it was plainly seen that the ball was difficult to control and they had the right hunch, for after a series of bases on balls, hits, hit batsman, wild pitches and passed balls, the new team from Newark had chalked up eight runs when the rain began to fall so fast that rubber boots were needed and Umpire Norris called the game.

These two teams will meet again in the near future and a large crowd is looked for.

Batteries: Niles, Dolan and Sund; Newark, Howich and Waltram.

Rain Checks Good for Sunday.

After the game had been called last Sunday the crowd did not wait to receive rain checks, so those who were at the park can secure rain checks good for next Sunday's game in Niles by applying at "Kite's Korner," or at the Essanay Film Mfg. Co.'s office.

Livermore vs. Niles Sunday.

Instead of Niles playing at Newark against the Idlewilds as has been previously announced, Livermore will journey to Niles to play the local team for the second time this season. Livermore is well remembered here as on their last appearance they defeated the Essanay Indians by the score of 2 to 0. Livermore will have the same line up as before.

EXTENDING HIS SERVICE

J. B. Barnard Takes Over Township Circuit of Show Houses.

Manager J. B. Barnard of the Bell Theater, Niles, has completed arrangements whereby he will undertake a township circuit of show houses including Alvarado, Mission San Jose, Centerville, Irvington and Decoto, beginning Monday, May 3, besides maintaining the Niles house as a central depot of the circuit.

He has arranged to present feature films equal to any shown anywhere in the large cities. He opens the business campaign Sunday, May 2 at Niles with W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) in the afternoon and evening. The Mission will see the same subject Monday evening. It will be presented at Alvarado Tuesday, Centerville Wednesday, again at Niles Thursday afternoon and evening and Saturday evening, Friday at Irvington and Decoto for Sunday matinee.

This new service comprises up-to-date films of from five to nine reels. In addition a Keystone comedy will be presented at each show, thus giving the public quantity, quality and variety. Usual prices, 10 and 20 cents, will rule.

DRIVING MEN BACK

Bread-Line Immigrants Forced to Return to Canada.

Four additional immigration inspectors are stationed along the Washington-British Columbia frontier, it became known yesterday, to check the rush of aliens into this country following the abandonment of the bread line maintained for many months in Vancouver.

In the past week more than 100 aliens were captured after they had crossed the border. They were returned to Canada. Owing to the war, railroad work and other building that usually takes thousands of men into the woods of British Columbia in the spring are suspended.

LAND OPEN TO SETTLERS.

President Eliminates 32,000 Acres From Forest Reserve.

On April 13 the President of the United States signed an executive order eliminating 32,088 acres of land from the Stanislaus National Forest, California. This action is the result of a recommendation made by Secretary of Agriculture, based on reports and recommendations submitted by the forest service.

Examination of the land involved showed it to consist mainly of river slopes and hills on the north side of the Merced River. The cover is mainly chaparral, although there is more or less scattering timber in places. The total amount of such timber was estimated to be not over a million board feet. There are very few settlers upon the land eliminated. The climate and soil are such as to render some areas of future value for agriculture, but this value is largely dependent upon the development of water for irrigation purposes, which is now lacking.

CAN'T BE BOTH.

Vice-President Marshall Philosophizes on Efficiency.

"We insist on being an efficient people, and we also insist upon being a free people, but we cannot be both," said Vice-President Marshall, speaking before the Rotary Club of Phoenix, Ariz., recently.

"We must take our choice. The German empire and the Mormon church are two of the most efficient organizations on earth, but in both the individual is subservient to the organization," he continued, "I hope some way may be devised by which we can become more efficient, and retain our freedom."

This was the vice-president's first appearance before the Rotary club, of which he was recently elected an honorary member.

What People Think

"Taxpayer" and Followers Challenged.

Decoto, April 27, 1915.

Editor Press:

Evidently the Spring Valley Water Company is hoping to create dissension in our midst. Judging from last week's editorial page of the Register and the renewed attack by the man in ambush, Mr. Taxpayer, the Spring Valley is getting busy. It is a bold play and perhaps the Spring Valleyites can get by with it. I have been so busy during the past few months fighting for the interests of this section on the water question in Sacramento and San Francisco that I have not paid much attention to the coterie of Spring Valley tools in Niles who have been attempting to create suspicion and cast discredit upon the work of the officers of the district.

The passage of the validating law in Sacramento and the bill amending the county water district law in spite of the opposition of the Spring Valley and its numerous allies places our district in a very strong position. The defeat of the big hold-up in San Francisco and the filing of our suit asking for an injunction against the building of the Calaveras dam are serious and damaging blows to this gigantic swindle. It is not surprising then that an attack should be made upon those who are helping to block the big steal. I am surprised that the attack is as mild as it is. I am not surprised that Spring Valley gold can buy advocates in Niles. I find that its influence is very extensive, reaches in all directions, touches all classes and it is not to be marvelled at that it can again stir into activity those people in Niles who have been its hirelings in the past.

So far as the discussion of the question of whether the Spring Valley's plans will hurt this section or not if they are carried out, I would be glad to meet any of its Niles representatives

in a joint debate on this question any town of the district. They may choose, however, to stand down. Now, as to the recall proceedings. The writer was one of those who stood at the recall should be placed in the water district law. I believe all public officers should be subject to it. The Spring Valleyites can show to the satisfaction of the voters that the present board of directors should be recalled then it is up to the people to recall them.

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then the sooner it is held the better. We may as well settle it right away. Very truly yours,
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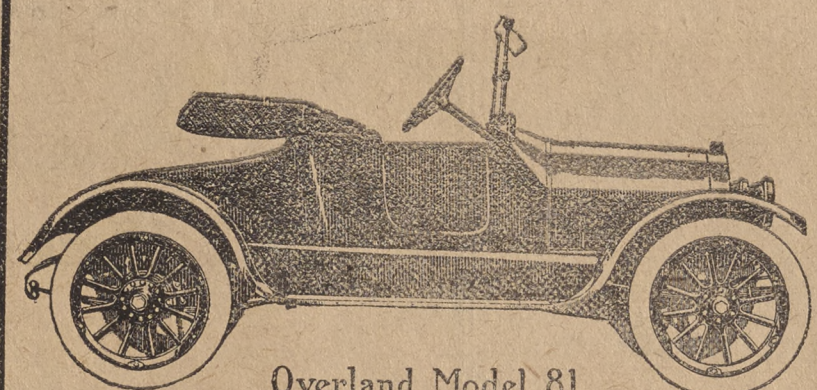
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Electrical Engineer
Mechanical Engineer
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IRVINGTON ITEMS

Mrs. R. D. Rowe of Oakland visited with her mother, Miss Eleanor Clerk.

J. E. Briscoe of Oakland was Niles visitor Sunday at the home of T. J. Murphy.

ities lies in the two trips that he made after having practically settled in Washington township; one trip, of a

exploring character to Washington territory, and the other to Arizona, on both of which he lived the rough outdoor life and endured the hardships of a pioneer in a strange and savage land. His strong face and square jaw showed that he was a man not to be trifled with when serious matters were to be handled. His mind was more than ordinarily keen. He had the power of insight and analysis, and could give a good account of himself in a discussion or controversy. He had the high degree of thrift typical of the New Englander. He was forehanded and provident. His business never lacked order—nor did it drive him—he drove it. He was a good householder. His home was always the abode of plenty and of comfort. He had a sense of dry humor that made him the delight of his most intimate friends. His analysis of a man's motives, as well as of his intentions and language was as keen and true as a scalpel was sometimes unexpected. If it had not been for this sense of humor, he would have been counted a rather serious and stern man. He was hard to convince to the contrary when he once took a position. He literally had to be shown. He was a most interesting companion, whether in an evening

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